GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4148
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SUBSIDISED FOODGRAINS FOR SC/ST STUDENTS OF KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have agreed to supply foodgrains at subsidised rates to hostels run by the Government of Karnataka for SC/ST and minority students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Karnataka has furnished the information regarding the number of hostels to be covered and the quantity of foodgrains required for SC/ST hostels in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government have taken any final decision and issued directives to issuing agencies for release of foodgrains to the State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e) & (f) : Under the Scheme for supply of subsidised foodgrains from Central Pool to the States/UTs for resident students of the SC/ST/OBC hostels commenced in Oct.,1994, 15 kg foodgrains per resident per month is supplied to the hostels having 2/3rd residents belonging to these categories. The State Governments can draw foodgrains as rice and/or wheat depending on the food habits of the residents of the hostels. Food Corporation of India (FCI) issues foodgrains to the authorized nominees of the State Governments. The foodgrains are presently issued at rates applicable for families below poverty line (BPL).